



Sunset over the Livingston Range as seen from Going-to-the-Sun Road.

# Crown of the Continent

Welcome to Glacier National Park, one of the crown jewels of the National Park System. The combination of natural wonders, cultural history, and our shared border with Waterton Lakes National Park, in Canada, contributed to Glacier being recognized, world-wide, as a World Heritage Site, a Biosphere Reserve, the World’s first International Peace Park, and the

World’s first International Dark Sky Park. No matter how long your visit we hope you discover your own special aspect of this spectacular landscape.

Glacier has a short season and a visit will take a bit of planning. Throughout the summer congestion can be an issue and some areas of the park may have access restricted temporarily due to crowding.

The best plan is to get an early start. Parking areas fill early. Unseasonable snowfall or wildland fires may impact your plans. Have a backup itinerary, in case your first choice is already full or crowded. While in Montana you may wish to visit other, less well known, areas of the National Park System. Check on page 13 for options throughout the state.



Many people are starting to reconsider the way they use social media in wild places; learn more in the side bar to the right.

# Help Stop Aquatic Invasive Species

Glacier National Park protects the headwaters of North America and preserving the park’s famously clean waters is essential to our mission. All watercraft must be inspected before launching. Motorized boats are subject to a 30-day drying time prior to launching. Motorized or trailered watercraft are prohibited from launching on all waters except Lake McDonald.

## Clean Your Boat Inside and Out

Clean all plants, animals, sand, mud, and other debris from your boat, trailer, anchor, boots, and equipment as soon as you leave one body of water. This includes, but is not limited to, canoes, kayaks, sailboats, paddleboards, and float tubes.

## Drain Your Boat Inside and Out

Drain all the water from your boat, including the motor, bilge, live-well, and other compartments before you arrive in the park. Leave the bilge plug out during transport. Do not dump water or organisms from one water body into another.

## Dry Your Boat Inside and Out

Dry all compartments and equipment in the sun for at least five days before entering another body of water or use high-pressure, hot (120 to 140 F) water to clean your boat, trailer, waders, boots, and equipment.

## In Waterton National Park

Private motorized and trailer launched boats are only permitted on Upper and Middle Waterton Lakes after a **90-day quarantine** period evidenced by a seal attached at the Waterton marina. For more information on this program, visit: <https://id4waterton.ca/>. All non-motorized hand launched watercraft require a self-certification permit available at park offices and at popular launch areas (includes small boats powered by wind or humans, like canoes, kayaks, paddleboards, windsurfers, and rowboats). Flotation devices such as float tubes do not require a permit. Since the permit is a legal requirement, park wardens will check for permits and will take appropriate action as necessary.



In 2018, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Americans called for this legislation to protect the nation’s rivers when they were most vulnerable.

Boat Inspection Locations & Hours	
Lake McDonald*	
May 11–May 25.....	7 am–5 pm
May 26–Oct. 31.....	7 am–9 pm
Parking lot across the street from the Apgar boat ramp	
North Fork	
There are no inspection stations located in the North Fork. Boaters traveling to the North Fork must visit the Lake McDonald inspection station prior to launch.	
Many Glacier Ranger Station	
June 1–Sept. 28.....	7 am–4:30 pm
St. Mary Visitor Center	
June 1–Sept. 28.....	7 am–4:30 pm
Two Medicine Ranger Station*	
June 1–Sept. 28.....	7 am–4:30 pm
*Offers motorized boat inspections and seals	

## Follow us @GlacierNPS

**Want Glacier to feature you?**  
Posting about conservation, Leave No Trace, and safety helps spread and support the mission of the National Park Service. Use **#ProtectGlacier** on posts about these topics and we might feature you. Consider the negative impacts a location geotag might have on a sensitive environment before posting.


**What do your images portray?**  
You might like to free-solo up mountains without a helmet or whitewater raft without a life jacket, but be cautious about promoting dangerous activities without context.

**Do you have a permit for that?**  
Commercial services are carefully regulated in national parks because no one wants to see these wild places overrun with advertising. Product ambassadors, brand influencers, and other marketers need a commercial photography permit.

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## Entrance Fees

### Seven Day Passes

Vehicle pass .....	\$35
Motorcycle pass .....	\$30
Individual pass.....	\$20

### Annual & Lifetime Passes

Glacier Annual Pass.....	\$70
Interagency Annual Pass.....	\$80
Senior Annual Pass (62+).....	\$20
Senior Lifetime Pass (62+).....	\$80

### Special Free Passes

Access Pass .....	Free
(for permanently disabled U.S. citizens)	
Fourth Grade Pass .....	Free
(free for currently enrolled fourth grade students)	
Military Pass .....	Free
(for qualifying active duty military and their dependents)	

Special fees are charged for commercial vehicles. Waterton Lakes National Park, in Canada, has separate entrance fees.

## Pets & Service Animals

Pets are permitted in campgrounds, along roads, and in parking areas, but must be on a 6’ or shorter leash, or caged. Pets cannot be left unattended, and are not permitted on trails, in the backcountry, or in any building.

Taking a service animal into the backcountry requires a safety briefing, obtained at most backcountry permit stations. When visiting frontcountry attractions (i.e. Trail of the Cedars, boardwalk section of Hidden Lake Trail, etc.) the safety briefing is recommended, but not required.

## Camping Information

Camping is permitted only in designated campgrounds. Utility hookups are not available.

Individual Sites (up to eight people)  
Most campgrounds operate on a first-come, first-served basis with varying fees (see table). Visitors may make advanced reservations for sites at the Fish Creek and St. Mary Campgrounds and half of the Many Glacier Campground for \$23 per night. Reservations may be made through the National Park Service Reservation Service at recreation.gov or by calling 1-877-444-6777.

### Group Sites (9 to 24 people)

Five of the 10 group sites at Apgar Campground, two group sites at Many Glacier Campground, and the one group site at Two Medicine Campground operate on a first-come first-served basis. These non-reservable group sites are a flat nightly rate of \$60. Visitors may make advanced reservations for five of the 10 group sites at Apgar Campground, and the two group sites at St. Mary Campground. There is a flat nightly fee of \$65 for group reservation sites. Discounts do not apply for group sites. Group sites can accommodate 9 to 24 people. Reservations may be made through the National Park Service Reservation Service at recreation.gov or by calling 1-877-444-6777.

### Hiker-Biker Campsites

The park has designated sites for campers arriving by non-motorized means, such as hiking or bicycle (not motorcycles/motorbikes). There is a \$5 per night per person fee (\$8 at reservation campgrounds for the first person in the group, \$5 for every person in the group after that). Non-related parties may share the site up to the maximum site capacity. Campers arriving by non-motorized means who do not want to share a Hiker/Biker site will be required to move to a regular site and pay the full nightly camping fee.

## Dates and Hours of Operation

### Apgar Visitor Center

May 11–June 7 .....	9 am–4:30 pm
June 8–Sept. 2 .....	8 am–6 pm
Sept. 3–Oct. 14 .....	8 am–5 pm

### Apgar Nature Center

June 15–August 25 .....	10 am–4 pm
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### Logan Pass Visitor Center

Not before June 22–Sept. 2 .....	9 am–7 pm
Sept. 3–Sept. 29 .....	9:30 am–4 pm

### Many Glacier Ranger Station

May 26–Sept. 29 .....	7 am–4:30 pm
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### Park Headquarters (closed holidays)

Monday–Friday.....	8 am–4:30 pm
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### Polebridge Ranger Station

May 26–Sept. 29 .....	9 am–4 pm
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### St. Mary Visitor Center

May 24–June 15 .....	8 am–4:30 pm
June 16–Sept. 2 .....	8 am–6 pm
Sept. 3–October 6 .....	8 am–5 pm

### Two Medicine Ranger Station

June 1–Sept. 27 .....	7 am–4:30 pm
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### Backcountry Permits

Hikers planning to camp overnight in Glacier’s backcountry must obtain a backcountry camping permit. Permits cost \$7 per person per night, and are issued no more than 24 hours in advance. Stations may be closed during lunch.

### Apgar Backcountry Permit Center

May 1–May 31 .....	8 am–4 pm
June 1–Sept. 30 .....	7 am–4:30 pm
October 1–October 31 .....	8 am–4 pm

### Many Glacier Ranger Station

May 26–Sept. 27 .....	7 am–4:30 pm
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### Polebridge Ranger Station

May 26–Sept. 29 .....	9 am–4:30 pm
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### St. Mary Visitor Center

May 26–Sept. 27 .....	7 am–4:30 pm
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### Two Medicine Ranger Station

June 1–Sept. 27 .....	7 am–4:30 pm
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## Fishing

A fishing license is not required to fish most waters in the park. The Middle and North Forks of the Flathead River require a State of Montana fishing license. The standard fishing season for all waters in the park is from the third Saturday in May through November 30. Lakes are open year-round. Several bodies of water are either closed to fishing or are catch-and-release only. Use of live bait and lead of any kind is prohibited. For complete regulations, stop by any visitor center or visit online: [go.nps.gov/fishing](http://go.nps.gov/fishing)

## Contact Us

[www.nps.gov/glac](http://www.nps.gov/glac)  
PO Box 128, West Glacier, MT 59936  
406-888-7800

## Emergency

In an emergency, dial 911 and contact a ranger or other park employee.

## Firearms

The possession of loaded firearms in Glacier National Park is legal, however, discharging firearms is prohibited. Firearms are prohibited in federal facilities. Learn specifics at: [dojmt.gov/features/frequently-asked-firearms-questions/](http://dojmt.gov/features/frequently-asked-firearms-questions/)

## Accessible Trails

Accessible trails and walking paths help more people explore Glacier National Park. Here are a few suggestions: the Running Eagle Falls Nature Trail, in the Two Medicine Valley; the Trail of the Cedars, at Avalanche Creek; the first 1/2 mile of the Swiftcurrent Nature Trail, in the Many Glacier Valley; and the Animal Superpowers walking path, behind the Logan Pass Visitor Center. For more information, visit [go.nps.gov/accessibility](http://go.nps.gov/accessibility) or talk to a ranger.



Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft (or drone) within the boundaries of Glacier National Park is prohibited and subject to receiving a fine and/or confiscation of your aircraft.

Drones create disruptions for wildlife, encroach on the environmental and scenic values of others, and generate a significant safety concern.

Dates	Fee	Sites	Flush Toilets	Disposal Station	Hiker Biker	For Larger RVs and Additional Information
<b>Apgar</b> April 26–Oct. 6	\$20	192	Yes	Yes	Yes	The largest 25 sites have a maximum parking space of 40’. Primitive camping is available after listed dates.
<b>Avalanche</b> June 21–Sept. 15	\$20	87	Yes	No	Yes	The largest 50 sites have a maximum parking space of 26’.
<b>Bowman Lake</b> May 17–Sept. 8	\$15	48	No	No	No	Campground is accessible by dirt road. Vehicles and vehicle combinations longer than 21’ are not allowed. Primitive camping is available after listed dates.
<b>Cut Bank</b> May 31–Sept. 15	\$10	19	No	No	No	Campground is accessible by dirt road, maximum parking space 21’. Primitive camping only, no potable water.
<b>Fish Creek</b> May 31–Sept. 1	\$23	180	Yes	Yes	Yes	The largest 18 sites have a maximum parking space of 35’. 62 additional sites will accommodate up to 27’.
<b>Kintla Lake</b> June 7–Sept. 8	\$15	13	No	No	Yes	Campground is accessible by dirt road. Vehicles and vehicle combinations longer than 21’ are not allowed. Primitive camping is available after listed dates.
<b>Logging Creek</b> June 28–Sept. 22	\$10	13	No	No	No	Campground is accessible by dirt road. Vehicles and vehicle combinations longer than 21’ are not allowed. Primitive camping only, no potable water.
<b>Many Glacier</b> May 24–Sept. 22	\$23	110	Yes	Yes	Yes	The largest 13 sites have a maximum parking space of 35’. Primitive camping is available after listed dates.
<b>Quartz Creek</b> June 28–Oct. 27	\$10	7	No	No	No	Campground is accessible by dirt road. Vehicles and vehicle combinations longer than 21’ are not allowed. Primitive camping only, no potable water.
<b>Rising Sun</b> June 7–Sept. 8	\$20	84	Yes	Yes	Yes	The largest 10 sites have a maximum parking space of 25’.
<b>Sprague Creek</b> May 10–Sept. 15	\$20	25	Yes	No	Yes	No towed units. Some sites have a maximum parking space of 21’.
<b>St. Mary</b> April 19–Oct. 31	\$23	148	Yes	Yes	Yes	Three sites up to 40’ and 22 sites up to 35’. Primitive camping is available after listed dates.
<b>Two Medicine</b> May 31–Sept. 22	\$20	100	Yes	Yes	Yes	The largest 10 sites have a maximum parking space of 35’. Primitive camping is available after listed dates.

### Campfires

Campfires are permitted only in designated campgrounds and picnic areas where fire rings are provided. Collecting firewood is prohibited except along the Inside North Fork Road from Dutch Creek to Kintla Lake, and along the Bowman Lake Road. Only dead and down wood may be collected.

# Services and Facilities

Apgar	Lodging	Village Inn Motel Apgar Village Lodge	May 22 .....Sept. 30 May 17 .....Sept. 22	Call 855-733-4522 for advance reservations or (406) 888-5632 for same day reservations. Call 844-868-7474 for reservations.
	Food Service	Eddie's Cafe	Mid-May .....Mid-Sept.	Breakfast, lunch, and dinner
	Campstore/Gift Shops	Eddie's Mercantile The Cedar Tree Schoolhouse Gifts Montana House	Mid-May ..... Mid-Sept. May 18 .....Sept. 23 Mid-May .....Mid-Oct. Open all year	
	Horseback Rides	Apgar Corral	May 18 .....Sept. 2	Call local 406-387-4405 or toll free 877-888-5557 for schedule and information.
	Boat Rentals	Glacier Park Boat Co.	May 25 .....Sept. 2	Small boat rentals including rowboats, paddleboards, canoes, single and double kayaks, and 10hp motors. Hours: May 25 - June 15, 10 am - 6 pm (last rental out at 5 pm) June 16 - Labor Day, 9 am to 7 pm (last rental out at 6 pm)
	Outdoor Store	Glacier Outfitters	May 1 .....Sept. 30	Gear for water recreation, camping, hiking and fishing, fishing tackle ane gifts. 406-219-7466
Lake McDonald	Lodging	Lake McDonald Lodge Motel Lake McDonald	May 17 .....Sept. 25 June 7 .....Sept. 15	Call 855-733-4522 for advance reservations or 406-888-5431 for same day reservations. Call 844-868-7474 for advance reservations.
	Food Service	Russell's Fireside Dining Room	May 17 .....Sept. 25	Lake McDonald Lodge - breakfast, lunch, and dinner
		Jammer Joe's Grill & Pizzeria	June 8.....Sept. 7	Lunch and dinner
		Lucke's Lounge	May 17 .....Sept. 25	Lake McDonald Lodge - opens 11:30 am daily for lunch and dinner
	Campstore/Gift Shops	Lodge Campstore Lodge Gift Shop	May 10 .....Sept. 25 May 17 .....Sept. 25	Groceries, fishing and camping supplies, firewood, and gifts Souvenirs, gifts, books, locally made art, and pottery
	Scenic Boat Tours	Glacier Park Boat Co.	May 18 .....Sept. 22	Narrated tours of Lake McDonald - 1 hour. Daily tours at 11 am, 1:30 pm, 3 pm, 5:30 pm, and 7 pm. After Labor Day, 1:30 pm, 3 pm, and 5:30 pm tours only. Rowboat, double kayaks, paddleboards and 8hp motorboat rentals available 10 am to 8 pm daily (last rental out at 7 pm). After Labor Day, boat rentals available 12 pm to 6:30 pm (last rental out at 5:30 pm). Call 406-257-2426 for information.
Many Glacier	Horseback Rides	Lake McDonald Corral	May 25 .....Sept. 22	Call local 406-387-4405 or toll free 877-888-5557 for schedule and information.
	Lodging	Many Glacier Hotel Swiftcurrent Motor Inn	June 7 .....Sept. 17 June 11 .....Sept. 15	Call 855-733-4522 for advance reservations or 406-732-4411 for same day reservations. Call 855-733-4522 for advance reservations or 406-732-5531 for same day reservations.
	Food Service	Ptarmigan Dining Room	June 7 .....Sept. 17	Many Glacier Hotel - breakfast, lunch, and dinner
		Swiss Lounge	June 7 .....Sept. 17	Many Glacier Hotel - opens 11:30 am daily for lunch and dinner
		'Nell's	June 11 .....Sept. 15	Swiftcurrent Motor Inn - breakfast, lunch, and dinner
		Heidi's	June 7 .....Sept. 17	Many Glacier Hotel - hot and cold snacks, sandwiches, coffee, beer, and wine
	Campstore/Gift Shops	Swiftcurrent Campstore Many Glacier Hotel Gift Shop	June 11 .....Sept. 15 June 7 .....Sept. 17	Groceries, fishing and camping supplies, firewood, and gifts Many Glacier Hotel - souvenirs, gifts, books, and locally made Blackfeet art
	Scenic Boat Tours	Glacier Park Boat Co.	June 8.....Sept. 15	Narrated tours of Swiftcurrent Lake and Lake Josephine - 1 hour 30 minutes. Requires 1/4 mile hike over hill between lakes. Daily tours begin June 8 at 9 am, 11 am, 2 pm, and 4:30 pm. Additional tours at 1 pm and 3 pm begin July 1. Optional guided walks to Grinnell Lake are included on the 9 am and 2 pm tours. An 8:30 am tour with a guided hike to Grinnell Glacier begins mid-July, trail conditions permitting. Rowboat, canoe, and kayak rentals available from 8:30 am to 6 pm (last rental out at 5 pm) between June 8 and June 30. Between July 1 and July 15 rentals are available between 8:30 am and 7 pm. Between July 16 and September 3 rentals are available between 8 am and 7 pm. Between September 4 and September 15 rentals are available between 8 am and 6 pm. Call 406-257-2426 for more information.
Rising Sun	Horseback Rides	Many Glacier Corral	June 8.....Sept. 15	Call local 406-387-4405 or toll free 877-888-5557 for schedule and information.
	Laundry and Showers	Swiftcurrent Motor Inn	June 11 .....Sept. 15	Purchase tokens at the campstore.
	Lodging	Rising Sun Motor Inn	June 14.....Sept. 9	Call 855-733-4522 for advance reservations or 406-732-5523 for same day reservations.
	Food Service	Two Dog Flats Grill	June 14.....Sept. 9	Breakfast, lunch, and dinner
	Campstore/Gift Shops	Rising Sun Motor Inn	June 14.....Sept. 9	Groceries, fishing and camping supplies, firewood, and gifts
	Scenic Boat Tours	Glacier Park Boat Co.	June 15.....Sept. 2	Narrated tours of Saint Mary Lake begin June 15 - 1 hour and 30 minutes includes stop at Baring Falls. Daily tours at 10 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, and 4 pm. One hour tours at 6:30 pm with no stop at Baring Falls. Optional ranger-led walks to St. Mary Falls included on the 10 am and 2 pm tours. Call 406-257-2426 for information.
Two Medicine	Showers	Rising Sun Motor Inn	June 14.....Sept. 9	Purchase tokens at the campstore.
	Campstore	Two Medicine Campstore	May 27 .....Sept. 3	Gifts, self-serve convenience food, groceries, fishing tackle, camping supplies, and firewood
	Scenic Boat Tours	Glacier Park Boat Co.	June 1.....Sept. 8	45 minute narrated tours of Two Medicine Lake begin June 1 at 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm, and 5 pm. Beginning July 1, an 8 am tour is available. Optional guided walks to Twin Falls included on the 1 pm and 3 pm tours. Rowboat, canoe, kayak, and 8 hp motorboat rentals are available from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm (last rental out at 5:30 pm). From July 1 to September 8 rentals are available starting at 8 am. Call 406-257-2426 for information and rentals.
	Backcountry Lodging <i>(only accessible by trail )</i>	Belton Chalets, Inc. Granite Park Chalet	June 29.....Sept. 9	Granite Park Chalet provides rustic accommodations that include rooms, beds, and a common kitchen. Guests provide their own sleeping bag, water, food, and cooking utensils. Optional bed linen service is available. You may also visit GraniteParkChalet.com for additional information.
		Glacier Guides, Inc.	May .....Oct.	Guided day hikes and backpacking trips into Glacier's backcountry for one to seven days. Custom guide service trips available. Camping equipment available for rent at their West Glacier office. Call 406-387-5555 or 800-521-RAFT for reservations and information or visit GlacierGuides.com.
	Bus Tours	Sun Tours	May 27 .....Sept. 30	Interpretive tours highlighting Blackfeet culture and history relating to Glacier National Park's natural features. Tours begin from Browning, East Glacier, St. Mary, Rising Sun, Izaak Walton Inn, Apgar, and West Glacier. Call 800-786-9220 or 406-732-9220 for reservations and information.
Other Services		Red Bus Tours	May 18 .....Oct. 20	Call 855-733-4522 for reservations and schedule information about Red Bus tours between park lodges, as well as to Two Medicine, East Glacier, West Glacier, and St. Mary.
	Cash Machines			Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) are available at Apgar, Lake McDonald Lodge, Many Glacier (hotel and motor inn), St. Mary, East Glacier, Rising Sun, and West Glacier.
	Worship Services			For a listing of times and locations, please consult a ranger in the campground or at a visitor center.

# A Fed Bear Is a Dead Bear

Grizzlies occupy a mere 2% of their former range and wilderness areas like Glacier National Park are essential refuges for their survival. For black and grizzly bears, this is home and we are guests.

To be a good guest in bear country, you must never let bears access human food and always stay the proper distance from bears. To protect human life and property, bears that seek human food must be removed from the park. Please keep all food and garbage stored out of reach of bears at all times.

Our campgrounds and developed areas can remain unattractive to bears if each visitor manages food and trash properly. Place all trash in designated bear-resistant garbage containers. Following park regulations will help keep the “wild” in wildlife and ensure your safety, as well.

Please report all bear sightings immediately. For more information, stop by any visitor center, attend a ranger-led program, or visit online at: [go.nps.gov/bearcountry](http://go.nps.gov/bearcountry).



## Protect Yourself, Protect the Bears

### Hike in Groups

Hiking in groups significantly decreases your chances of having a bear encounter. If you are looking for hiking company, be sure to look at the Ranger-led Activity Schedule to see if there are any ranger-led hikes available for you to join. Trail running is highly discouraged.

### Carry Bear Spray

And know how to use it! This aerosol pepper spray temporarily incapacitates bears and is the most effective deterrent. Bear spray should not create a false sense of security or serve as a substitute for practicing standard safety precautions in bear country.

### Make Noise

Bears will usually move out of the way if they hear people approaching. Most bells are not enough. Call out and clap at regular intervals as a better way to make your presence known. If you cannot see around a corner, then neither can a bear, so make noise to avoid surprising a bear.

### Secure Food & Garbage

Never leave food, garbage, or anything used to prepare, consume, store, or transport food unattended. Other items to secure include: toiletries, cosmetics, and pet food. Anything with a strong odor must be stored in a vehicle, hard-sided camper, food locker, or hung when not in use, day or night.

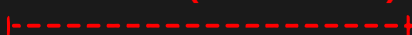
### Be Bear Aware

Environmental factors like wind speed and direction may prevent a bear from being aware of your presence. Look for scat or tracks. Take notice if you are hiking near an abundance of bear foods, near running water, through thick vegetation, etc.

### What if You Encounter a Bear?

If a bear or other animal is moving in your direction on a trail, get out of its way and let it pass. Move away from the bear without running. If moving away appears to agitate the bear, stop and talk quietly to the bear. Continue to move away as the situation allows. Do not drop food or gear to distract the bear.

### 25 YARDS (23 METERS)



Approaching, viewing, or engaging in any activity within **100 yards** of bears or wolves, or within **25 yards** of any other wildlife is prohibited. Use binoculars or a telephoto lens to improve your view. Keep the animal's line of travel clear, and move away if wildlife approaches.

### 100 YARDS (91 METERS)

If you see a bear along the road, do not stop near it. If you wish to view the bear, travel at least **100 yards** and pull over in a safe location. Roadside bears quickly become habituated to traffic and people, increasing their chances of being hit by vehicles.



# Top Strategies for Viewing Wildlife

## Let Wildlife be Wild

Please take the time to learn about the wildlife and respect their need for undisturbed space. While some animals appear to tolerate people, approaching too close can disturb them from feeding areas or travel routes. Keep the animal’s line of travel or escape route clear and move away if wildlife approaches you.

Because park animals are wild, they remain unpredictable, and may strike out without warning. Animals may be hit by cars if they hang around parking lots and roads, and habituated animals often have to be relocated or killed.

## Try the Rule of Thumb

Hold your hand straight out in front of you with your thumb up, like a hitchhiker. If your thumb does not completely cover the wildlife you are observing then you need to move farther away. If an animal is ever in distress or changing their behavior in anyway because of you, then you need

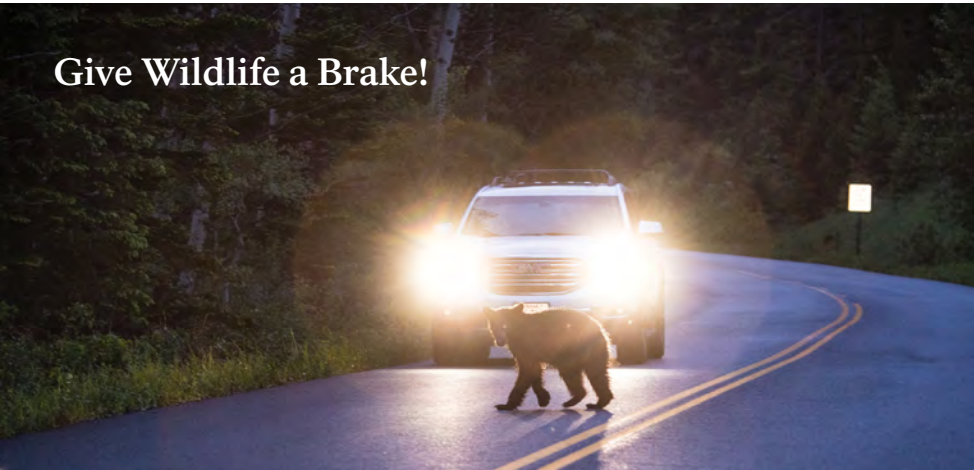
to give it more space. Results may vary and the regulation is always 25 yards from most wildlife and 100 yards from bears and wolves.

## Bring Your Binoculars

Binoculars, telephoto lenses, and spotting scopes are the secret strategy to great wildlife watching. Giving your eyes

a boost will take your wildlife viewing opportunities from good to great.

When photographing wildlife, use a telephoto lens to maintain the required safe distance. Many visitors enjoy not photographing wildlife at all and simply savoring their views with binoculars instead.



Approaching bears and wolves within 100 yards and all other wildlife within 25 yards, by foot or by car, is unsafe for the animals, dangerous to you, and illegal

## Avoid Traffic Jams

Have you ever been jammed up in traffic? “Animal jams” occur when many people stop along the road to view wildlife. In their excitement, some folks forget they need to be aware not only of safety concerns related to wildlife, but also traffic hazards.

Don’t contribute to the jam! Slow down and pull over safely, and only in designated areas. Remain in your vehicle, safe from wildlife and traffic, and move on in a short time so others can watch. If you are too close to an animal, on a hill, curve, or in heavy traffic, drive by slowly and avoid stopping.

# Four Tips to Survive Summer Smoke



Smoke from the 2018 Howe Ridge Fire. Keep in mind that fire and smoke can be hard to predict and flexibility will be key to making the most out of your visit to the park.

It is unlikely you came to Glacier to experience the effects of wildfire. Whether you see fire and smoke, closed roads and trails, or recently burned forests, wildfire may be part of your park experience. This is especially true during the dry summer days of mid-July through mid-September. The park works hard to prevent fires from ruining your visit, but emergency situations can develop.

Use these four tips to enjoy your Glacier trip despite the smoke.

First, consider your health and try to limit your exposure to smoke. Choose less strenuous activities, and understand that children and the elderly are particularly sensitive to smoke in the air.

**Second**, time it right. On smoky days, views of scenery will often be better just after sunrise and worse mid-day. Check visibility on our webcams!

**Fourth**, check Glacier’s website, [www.nps.gov/glac](http://www.nps.gov/glac) for the latest conditions.

**Third**, when the grand vistas are too smoky, visit a historic lodge, hike to a waterfall, or seek other “close-ups” of Glacier’s beauty. Visitor centers can help you find an opportunity that works for you.

# Top Nine Hazards to Watch Out for

### 1. Falling

Many accidents occur when people fall after stepping off trails or roadsides, or by venturing onto very steep slopes. Stay on designated trails and do not go beyond protective fencing or guard rails. Supervise children in such areas. At upper elevations, follow trails carefully.

### 2. Drowning

Use extreme caution near water. Swift, cold glacial streams and rivers, moss-covered rocks, and slippery logs are dangerous. Avoid wading in or fording swift streams. Never walk, play, or climb on slippery rocks and logs, especially around waterfalls. When boating, do not stand up or lean over the side, and always wear a life jacket.

### 3. Snow and Ice

Snowfields and glaciers can present serious hazards. Snow bridges may conceal deep crevasses on glaciers or hidden cavities under snowfields. These bridges may collapse under the weight of an unsuspecting hiker. Use extreme caution when crossing steep snowfields on trails and in the backcountry.

### 4. Weather

Glacier’s summer weather is as varied as its landscape. Even when temperatures reach the 80s and 90s, it can cool down into the 40s at night. Prepare for a variety of weather conditions and pack accordingly. You may start the day in a t-shirt and shorts, and need a sweater or parka by evening. Dress in layers and always bring rain gear.

### 5. Hypothermia

Freezing temperatures can occur in Glacier’s high country any month of the year. If you plan to head for higher elevations, avoid making assumptions based on low elevation weather. Layer with synthetic or wool clothing as a base layer, and eat high-energy foods throughout the day.

### 6. Mountain Lions

Never hike alone. Make noise often and keep children close to you at all times. If you encounter a lion, do not run. Talk calmly, avert your gaze, stand tall, and back away. If an attack seems imminent, stand your ground. Lions may be scared away by being struck with rocks or sticks, or by being kicked or hit.

### 7. Hantavirus

The most likely source of infection is from rodent urine and droppings inhaled as aerosols or dust. Initial symptoms are almost identical to the onset of flu. If you have potentially been exposed and exhibit flu-like symptoms, you should seek medical care immediately.

### 8. Ticks

Ticks are most active in spring and early summer. Several serious diseases, like Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, can be transmitted. Completely remove attached ticks and disinfect the site. If rashes or lesions form around the bite, or if unexplained symptoms occur, consult a physician.

### 9. Giardia

When hiking, use a water filter to treat any natural water. Giardiasis is caused by a parasite found in surface water. Persistent, severe diarrhea, abdominal cramps, and nausea are the symptoms. If you experience symptoms, contact a physician.



Steep snow and ice are dangerous and require proper gear and training.



Walking on frozen lakes or rivers is dangerous.



# Driving & Bicycling Information

## Expect Delays on Glacier’s Roads this Summer

With construction delays possible across the park, Glacier is a park best visited with a backup plan ready.

Many park roads, including the Going-to-the-Sun Road, will receive a protective coating this summer to extend the life of the road.

Typically, pavement preservation is done every seven years. The treatment will protect the \$200 million investment in the Going-to-the-Sun Road, including preserving significant roadbed and pavement work that was undertaken over the last decade.

In the fall of 2019, night work for pavement preservation is planned to begin on September 2 on the Going-to-the-Sun Road with traffic control and intermittent night closures. A full closure will likely be in place from September 16-29 between Avalanche Creek and Logan Pass. Logan Pass will remain accessible from the St. Mary Entrance during this time period.

The road is anticipated to reopen in its entirety on September 30, 2019. The road’s routine winter closure is scheduled this year for October 21, 2019, weather dependent.



A pavement preservation project is planned for 2019 that will cause short delays throughout the park and throughout the summer.

## Bicycles Limited to Specific Trails

Bicyclists must comply with all traffic regulations and ride under control at all times. Keep to the right side of the road, ride in single file, and pull over if four or more vehicles are behind you.

You may encounter gravel surfaces in construction areas. Park roads are extremely narrow in many places. Watch for falling rocks, drainage grates, debris, and ice on the roads.

During periods of low visibility or between sunset and sunrise, a white light or reflector visible from a distance of at least 500 feet in front and a red light or reflector visible from at least 200 feet to the rear must be displayed on the operator or bicycle. Bicycles are prohibited on most trails.

Wearing helmets and carrying bear spray are recommended. For more information visit: [go.nps.gov/bike](http://go.nps.gov/bike)

From June 15 through Labor Day, the following sections of the Going-to-the-Sun Road are closed to bicycle use between 11 am and 4 pm:

- Eastbound and westbound from the Apgar turnoff to Sprague Creek Campground.
- Eastbound (uphill) from Logan Creek to Logan Pass.

Riding from Sprague Creek to Logan Creek takes about 45 minutes, and from Logan Creek to Logan Pass takes about 3 hours.

## Free Shuttle Service

A free shuttle system is available to locations on Going-to-the-Sun Road between the Apgar and St. Mary Visitor Centers. A map to shuttle stop locations is on the Points of Interest page.

Parking areas throughout the park, and especially at Logan Pass and Avalanche Creek, are often full from early-morning through late-afternoon. The shuttles are an excellent way to visit the park without the hassles of finding an open parking space. Park shuttles also routinely fill to capacity so plan your day accordingly.

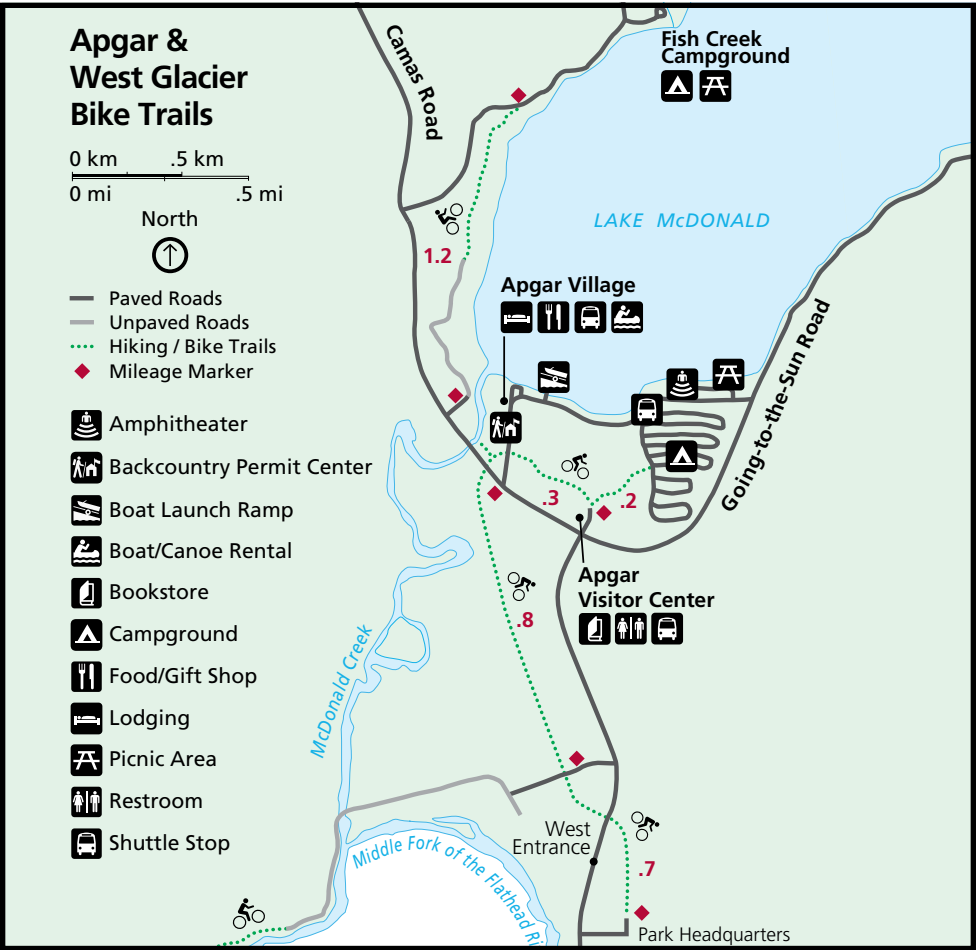
Shuttle service starts operation July 1 and continues through Labor Day, September 3. A modified schedule may continue to operate past Labor Day. Daily service begins at 7 am and ends at 7 pm. The last shuttles of the day depart

Logan Pass Visitor Center at 7 pm and make stops at all locations on the return to either the Apgar or the St. Mary Visitor Centers. Shuttle schedules are posted at each shuttle stop.

- Shuttles between St. Mary and Logan Pass run approximately every 30 to 40 minutes.
- Shuttles between Apgar and Logan Pass run approximately every 15 to 30 minutes.

Shuttles are accessible. Smoking, pets, and open alcohol containers are prohibited. Bear spray must be safely secured to prevent accidental discharge.

The travel time between Apgar Visitor Center and St. Mary Visitor Center, and back, is 7 hours.



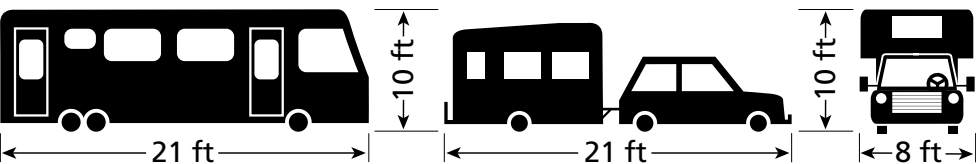
## Vehicle Size Limits

There are size restrictions on the upper portion of the Going-to-the-Sun Road.

Between Avalanche Creek and Rising Sun, vehicles and vehicle combinations **longer than 21 ft.** (including bumpers) and/or **wider than 8 ft.** (including mirrors) are **prohibited** on the Going-to-the-Sun Road.

Vehicles over 10 feet in height may have difficulty driving west from Logan Pass due to rock overhangs.

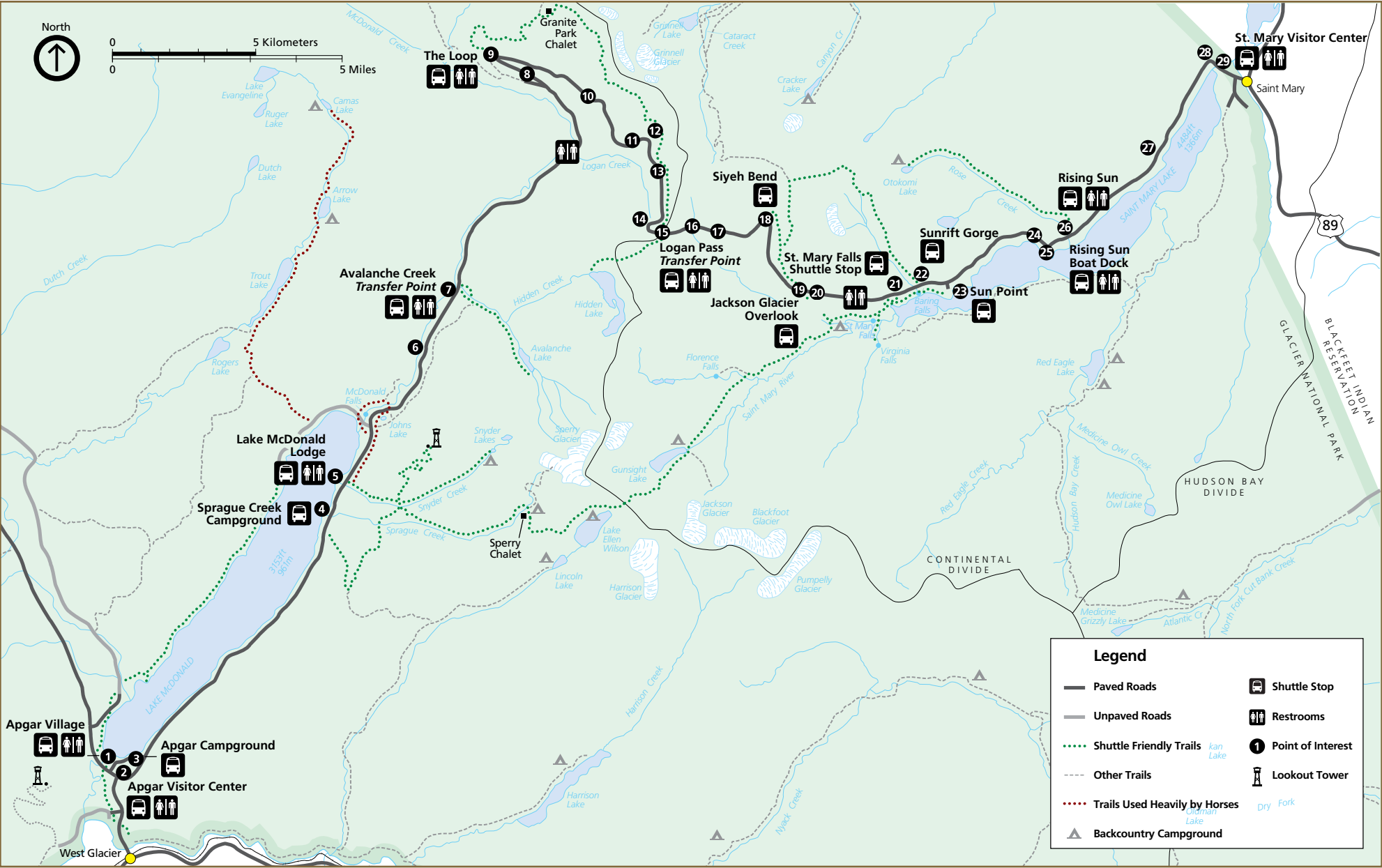
Stock trucks and trailers may access Packers Roost from the west side of the park and Siyeh Bend from the east side of the park.



Vehicles and vehicle combinations larger than those above are prohibited on most of Going-to-the-Sun Road.



# Going-to-the-Sun Road Points of Interest



- 1

Lodges, gift shops, and food service make Apgar the hub of activity on the west side.
- 2

Offers information services, serves as the shuttle hub for the west side of the park, and houses a Glacier National Park Conservancy store.
- 3

Largest campground in the park and makes a great base camp for explorations of the west side of Glacier.
- 4

Located within trees, providing shade during warm summers. Some sites near the shore have unobstructed views of Lake McDonald.
- 5

Reminiscent of a Swiss chalet with a hunting lodge atmosphere. Boat tours, horseback rides, and dining are also available.
- 6

It looks placid and calm for most of the summer, but early season visitors may see a thundering torrent carrying trees and boulders.
- 7

Explore the cedar-hemlock forest by hiking on Trail of the Cedars Nature Trail or to Avalanche Lake, where you can have a picnic at one of the most popular sites in the park.
- 8

Imagine the time and manpower it took to bore through 192 feet of mountain using 1926 technology.

- 9

The only switchback on the road affords a scenic view of Heavens Peak and an up-close look at the aftermath of the Trapper Fire of 2003. A strenuous 4-mile one-way hike to Granite Park Chalet begins here.
- 10

Plunging water cascades 492 feet from the hanging valley between Mt. Oberlin and Mt. Cannon.
- 11

A gushing waterfall in spring, the flow is reduced to a mere trickle in late summer. Roll up your windows (as you pass by) to keep dry.
- 12

One of the most spectacular views from the road. Park and take in the views of Mt. Cannon, Mt. Oberlin, Heavens Peak, and the Weeping Wall.
- 13

This architectural and engineering marvel is best seen by eastbound travelers.
- 14

A short boardwalk offers views of the road as it winds across the landscape below the Garden Wall. Don't be surprised if you see mountain goats.
- 15

Arrive early or late to find a parking spot along the Continental Divide where you can observe alpine meadows filled with wildflowers, mountain goats, bighorn sheep, and marmots. The popular Hidden Lake and Highline Trails begin here. The Logan Pass Visitor Center also has a Glacier National Park Conservancy store.

- 16

Surrounded by carpets of wildflowers in the summer, Lunch Creek flows down a natural rock staircase from the striking backdrop of Pollock Mountain.
- 17

This was one of the most difficult challenges of constructing this road. This 408-foot tunnel through Piegan Mountain often has waterfalls cascading down the portal.
- 18

Located at a prominent bend, the Siyeh Bend shuttle stop marks the transition between the higher elevation subalpine vegetation and the forests of the east side. Several hikes begin here.
- 19

Stop here for the best view of a glacier from the road.
- 20

This strenuous trail ascends to the Continental Divide and offers hikers and backpackers access to subalpine lakes, the historic Sperry Chalet complex, and unparalleled mountain vistas.
- 21

This stop accesses a hike down to the valley floor. The trail crosses the stream below the roaring St. Mary Falls and continues on to Virginia Falls.
- 22

A spectacular view of a water-carved gorge is only a 75-foot walk. Look for dippers, slate gray birds, often sighted foraging in the creek for aquatic insects.

- 23

Enjoy an expansive view of St. Mary Lake from the former site of the Sun Point Chalets. The chalets are gone, but hiking trails, a picnic area, and shuttle stop make for a pleasant stop.
- 24

One of the most iconic views in the park, tiny Wild Goose Island offers a striking counterpoint to the majestic peaks in the background.
- 25

This large pullout offers views of Saint Mary Lake, as well as an opportunity to marvel at the skill of the workers who designed and built the road.
- 26

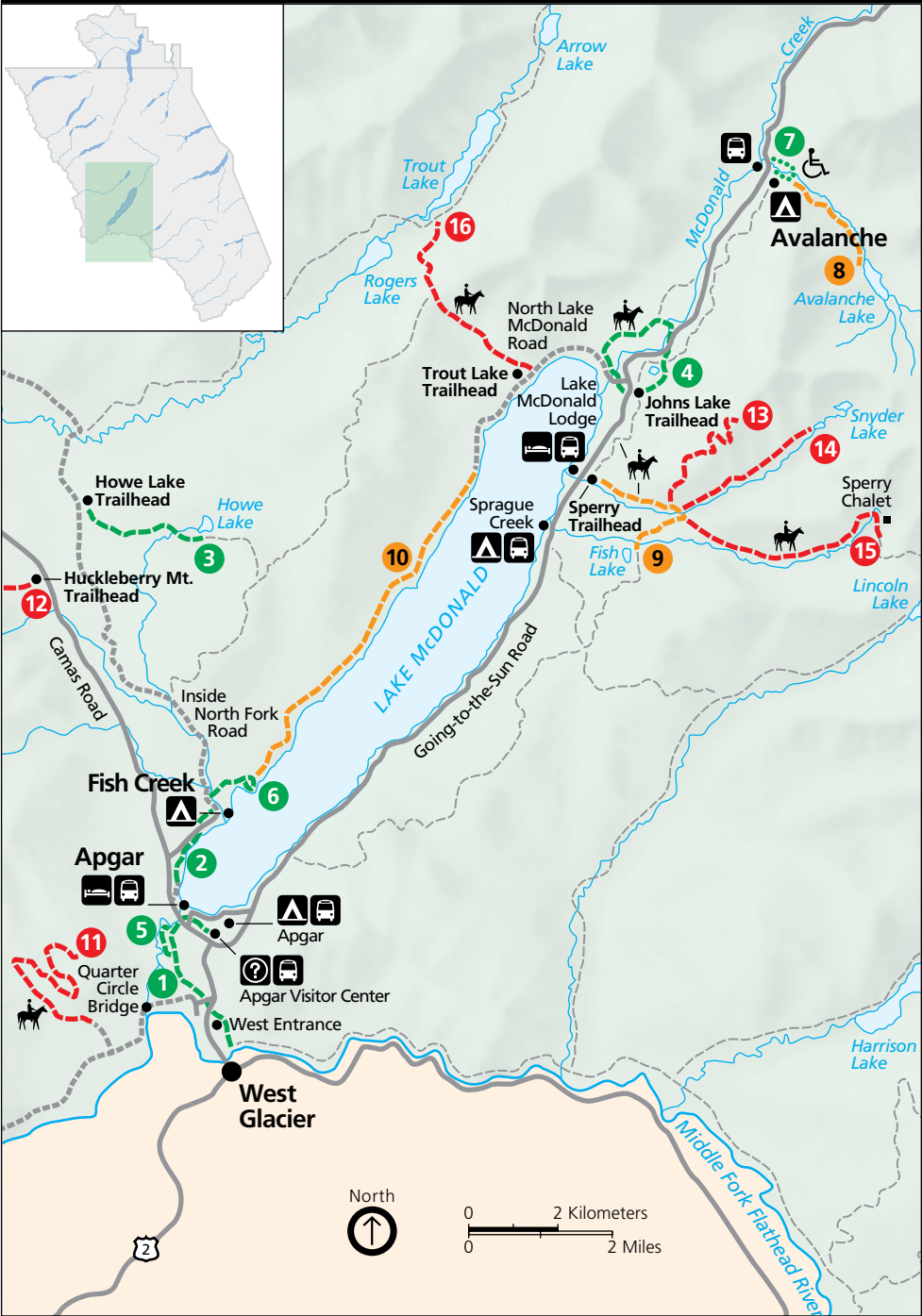
Boat tours allow visitors to experience towering mountain peaks from a perspective not available on the road. Groceries, dining, lodging, and camping are also available.
- 27

This native grassland community is a great place to stop and look for wildlife and take in an epic view.
- 28

St. Mary Campground is the largest campground on the east side of Glacier National Park and is conveniently located approximately one half mile from the St. Mary Visitor Center.
- 29

Offers informational services, a backcountry permit desk, an auditorium with park films shown throughout the day, exhibits, on-site interpretive programs, and a Glacier National Park Conservancy store. It also serves as the shuttle hub for the east side of the park.

Lake McDonald Valley Hike Suggestions



Legend

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Trail Destinations























Suggested Trails

Accessible Trail

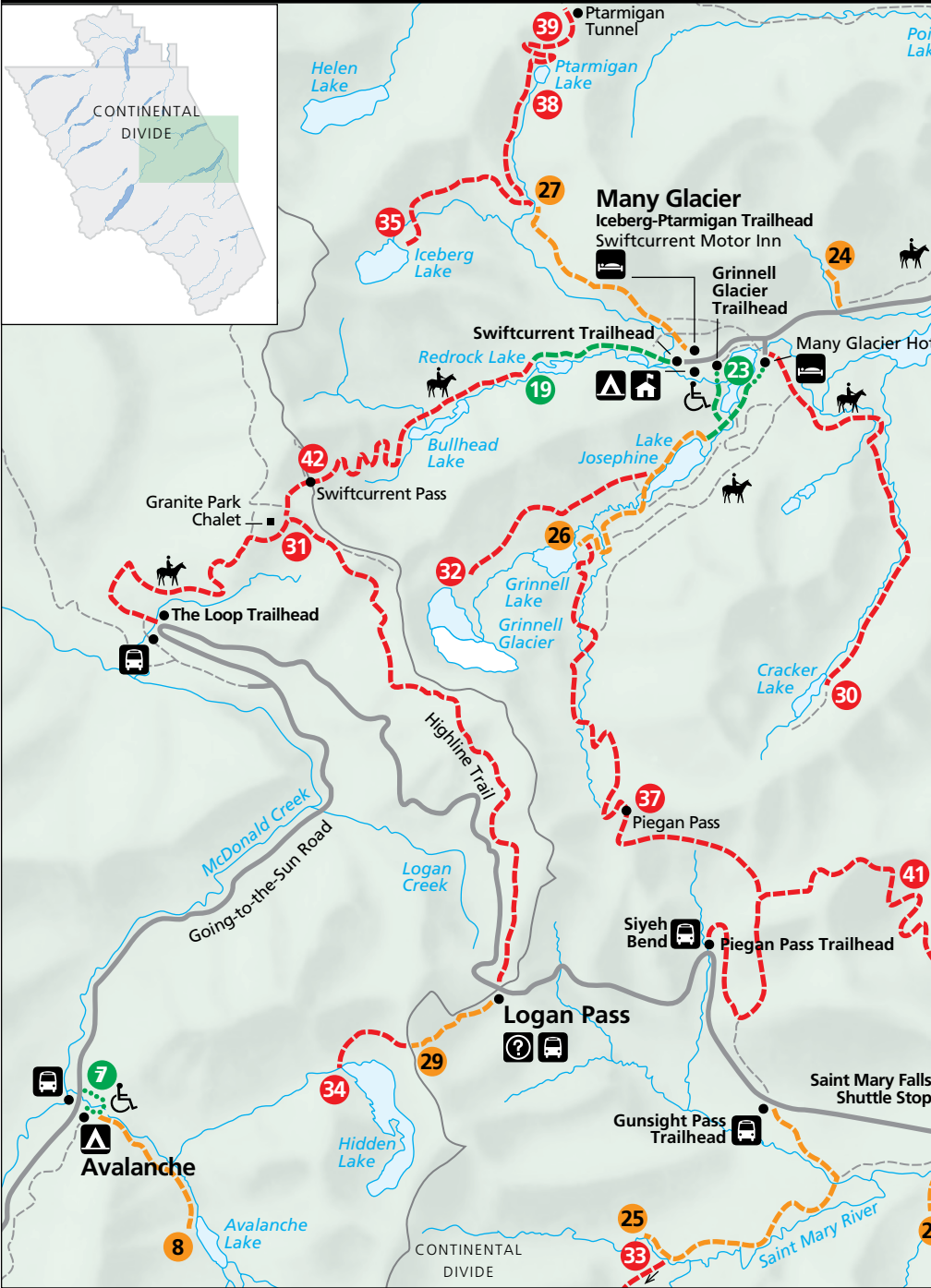
Horse Use on Trail

Less Challenging Hikes

Highlighted here in green, these hikes are generally shorter with less elevation change. Trail surfaces vary from paved, compacted, or boardwalk surfaces to natural trail surfaces with rocks, roots, mud, and occasionally small streams or snow that must be traversed. These trails are not easy for everyone, please consider weather, elevation, and other factors before deciding to hike.

Destination	Distance (one-way)	Elevation Gain	Elevation Loss	i	Trailhead Information
1 Apgar Bike Path	1.5 mi.	16 ft.	0 ft.	 	Apgar Visitor Center Plaza <i>Sections are wheelchair accessible</i>
2 Fish Creek Bike Path	1.1 mi.	88 ft.	91 ft.		0.1 mi. north of Lower McDonald Creek Bridge. Grist Road.
3 Howe Lake	1.6 mi.	347 ft.	123 ft.		5.5 mi. north of Fish Creek Campground. Inside North Fork Rd.
4 Johns Lake Loop	2.0 mi. (loop)	230 ft.	236 ft.		Johns Lake Trailhead. 1.3 mi. north of Lake McDonald Lodge.
5 Oxbow Trail	1.1 mi.	83 ft.	106 ft.	 	Apgar Visitor Center Plaza, or Lower McDonald Creek Bridge
6 Rocky Point	0.9 mi.	224 ft.	179 ft.		0.2 mi. north of Fish Creek Campground. Inside North Fork Rd.
7 Trail of the Cedars	0.9 mi. (loop)	83 ft.	83 ft.	  	Avalanche Creek. 5.5 mi. north of Lake McDonald Lodge.
8 Avalanche Lake	2.3 mi.	741 ft.	275 ft.	 	Trail of the Cedars Trailhead. Avalanche Creek.
9 Fish Lake	2.9 mi.	1,327 ft.	385 ft.	 	Sperry Trailhead. Across from Lake McDonald Lodge road entrance.
10 Lake McDonald West Shore	(a) 7.0 mi. (b) 7.0 mi.	1,040 ft. 983 ft.	983 ft. 1,040 ft.		(a) 0.2 miles north of Fish Creek Campground. Inside North Fork Road. (b) 3 miles west on North Lake McDonald Road
11 Apgar Lookout	3.6 mi.	1,966 ft.	107 ft.		Turn 0.5 mi. north of the West Entrance and continue 2.4 miles on Quarter Circle Bridge Road.
12 Huckleberry Lookout	6.0 mi.	3,116 ft.	415 ft.		Huckleberry Mt. Trailhead. Camas Road.
13 Mt. Brown Lookout	5.1 mi.	4,380 ft.	132 ft.	  	Sperry Trailhead. Across from Lake McDonald Lodge road entrance.
14 Snyder Lake	4.3 mi.	2,230 ft.	230 ft.	  	Sperry Trailhead. Across from Lake McDonald Lodge road entrance.
15 Sperry Chalet	6.3 mi.	3,593 ft.	284 ft.	  	Sperry Trailhead. Across from Lake McDonald Lodge road entrance.
16 Trout Lake	3.9 mi.	2,204 ft.	1,432 ft.		Trout Lake Trailhead. 1.4 miles west on North Lake McDonald Road.

Logan Pass , Many Glacier Valley, and St. Mary Valley Hike Suggestions



Paved Roads

Unpaved Roads

Shuttle Stop (Summer Only)


























Trails Accessible by Shuttle

Visitor Center

Ranger Station

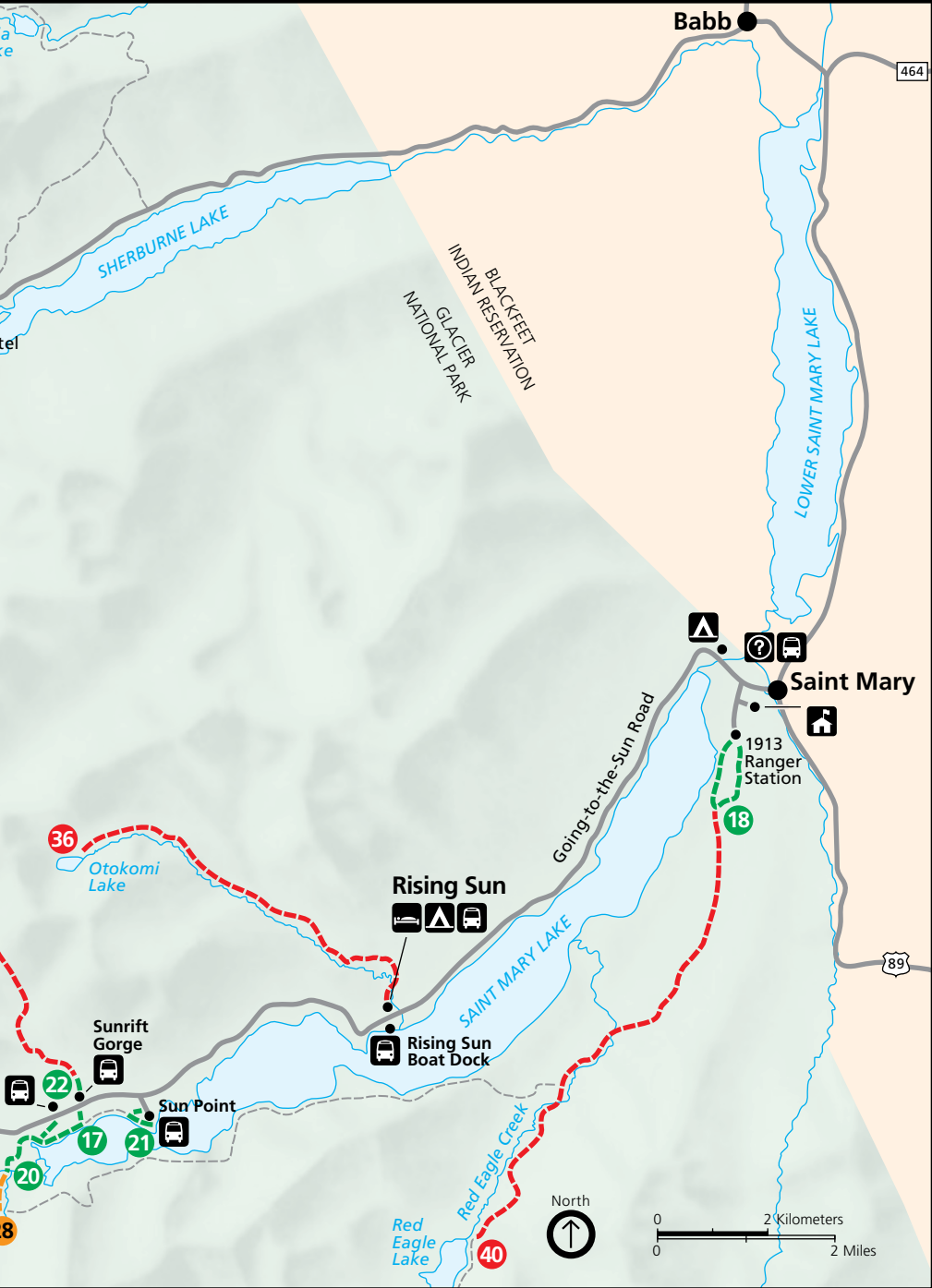
Challenging Hikes

Highlighted here in orange, these hikes are longer with moderate or boardwalk surfaces to natural trial surfaces with rocks, roots, mud, and occasionally small streams or snow that must be traversed. These trails are not for everyone, please consider weather, elevation and other factors before deciding to hike.

Destination	Distance (one-way)	Elevation Gain	Elevation Loss	i	Trailhead Information
17 Baring Falls	0.3 mi.	50 ft.	115 ft.		Sunrift Gorge
18 Beaver Pond Loop	3.3 mi. (loop)	418 ft.	395 ft.		1913 Ranger Station. Turn 0.2 mi. east of St. Mary Entrance.
19 Red Rock Falls	1.9 mi.	267 ft.	105 ft.		Swiftcurrent Trailhead. West end of Swiftcurrent Motor Inn parking lot.
20 Saint Mary Falls	(a) 0.8 mi. (b) 1.1 mi. (c) 1.6 mi.	58 ft. 134 ft. 337 ft.	205 ft. 325 ft. 324 ft.	    	(a) Saint Mary Falls Shuttle Stop (b) Saint Mary Falls Trailhead (c) Via concessioner boat from Rising Sun
21 Sun Point Nature Trail	(a) 0.9 mi. (b) 0.9 mi.	163 ft. 284 ft.	284 ft. 163 ft.	  	(a) Sunrift Gorge (b) Sun Point Picnic Area
22 Sunrift Gorge	< 0.1 mi.	65 ft.	0 ft.		Sunrift Gorge
23 Swiftcurrent Lake Trail	2.6 mi. (loop)	298 ft.	296 ft.	 	Grinnell Glacier Trailhead, or the Many Glacier Hotel <i>First 0.25 mi. from either trailhead is wheelchair accessible</i>
24 Apikuni Falls	0.8 mi.	651 ft.	91 ft.		1.1 mi. east of Many Glacier Hotel
25 Florence Falls	5.0 mi.				Gunsight Pass Trailhead. 0.1 mi. west of Jackson Glacier Overlook.
26 Grinnell Lake	(a) 3.6 mi. (b) 1.2 mi.	351 ft. 95 ft.	325 ft. 41 ft.	 	(a) Grinnell Glacier Trailhead or Many Glacier Hotel (b) Via concessioner boat from Many Glacier Hotel
27 Ptarmigan Falls	2.6 mi.	995 ft.	260 ft.		Iceberg-Ptarmigan Trailhead. Behind Swiftcurrent Motor Inn.
28 Virginia Falls	(a) 1.5 mi. (b) 1.8 mi. (c) 2.3 mi.	291 ft. 359 ft. 599 ft.	263 ft. 335 ft. 356 ft.	    	(a) St. Mary Falls Shuttle Stop (b) St. Mary Falls Trailhead (c) Via concessioner boat from Rising Sun
29 Hidden Lake Overlook	1.3 mi.	608 ft.	128 ft.	 	Behind Logan Pass Visitor Center



Hike Suggestions



- Campground
- Lodging
- Restroom Near Trailhead
- 1 Mile = 1.6 Kilometers
- 1 Foot = .3048 Meters

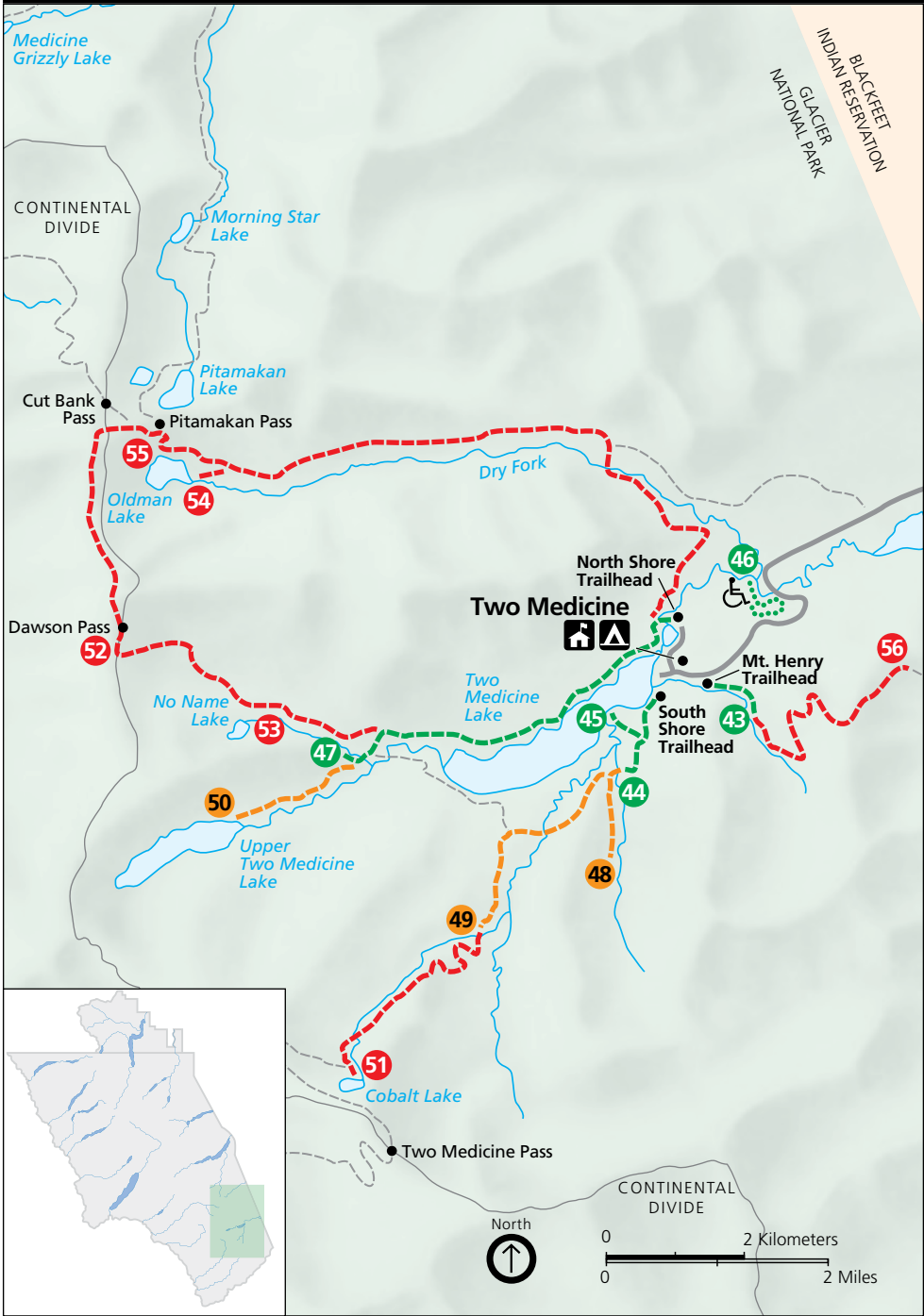
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Very Challenging Hikes

Highlighted here in red, these very challenging hikes often cover large distance and have considerable elevation gain. The trails are maintained, but may have substantial snow or water hazards, especially in the early season. These hikes take considerable time, energy, and trip planning. Please consider weather, elevation and other factors before deciding to hike.

Destination	Distance (one-way)	Elevation Gain	Elevation Loss		Trailhead Information
30 Cracker Lake	5.8 mi.	1,978 ft.	958 ft.		South end of Many Glacier Hotel parking lot
31 Granite Park Chalet	(a) 7.6 mi.	2,137 ft.	2,110 ft.		(a) Highline Trailhead, across from the Continental Divide sign at Logan Pass
	(b) 7.7 mi.	2,587 ft.	840 ft.		(b) Swiftcurrent Trailhead at Many Glacier
	(c) 4.2 mi.	2,663 ft.	251 ft.		(c) The Loop Trailhead on the Going-to-the-Sun Road
32 Grinnell Glacier Viewpoint	(a) 5.1 mi.	2,596 ft.	1,015 ft.		(a) Grinnell Glacier Trailhead, or Many Glacier Hotel
	(b) 4.5 mi.	2,461 ft.	871 ft.		(b) Via concessioner boat from Many Glacier Hotel
33 Gunsight Lake	6.2 mi.	1,139 ft.	1,061 ft.		Gunsight Pass Trailhead. 0.1 mi. west of Jackson Glacier Overlook.
34 Hidden Lake	2.5 mi.	639 ft.	921 ft.		Behind Logan Pass Visitor Center
35 Iceberg Lake	4.8 mi.	1,765 ft.	624 ft.		Iceberg-Ptarmigan Trailhead. Behind Swiftcurrent Motor Inn.
36 Otokomi Lake	5.5 mi.	2,497 ft.	548 ft.		West end of Rising Sun Campstore parking lot
37 Piegan Pass	(a) 4.5 mi.	1,895 ft.	170 ft.		(a) Piegan Pass Trailhead. Siyeh Bend.
	(b) 8.3 mi.	3,346 ft.	723 ft.		(b) South end of Many Glacier Hotel parking lot
38 Ptarmigan Lake	4.4 mi.	2,058 ft.	392 ft.		Iceberg-Ptarmigan Trailhead. Behind Swiftcurrent Motor Inn.
39 Ptarmigan Tunnel	5.3 mi.	2,770 ft.	377 ft.		Iceberg-Ptarmigan Trailhead. Behind Swiftcurrent Motor Inn.
40 Red Eagle Lake	8.1 mi.	1,004 ft.	800 ft.		1913 Ranger Station. Turn 0.2 mi. east of St. Mary Entrance.
	(a) 4.6 mi.	2,362 ft.	108 ft.		(a) Piegan Pass Trailhead. Siyeh Bend.
41 Siyeh Pass	(b) 5.5 mi.	3,525 ft.	199 ft.		(b) Sunrift Gorge
	6.9 mi.	2,553 ft.	310 ft.		Swiftcurrent Trailhead. West end of Swiftcurrent Motor Inn parking lot.

Two Medicine Valley Hike Suggestions



To improve accuracy, mileages and elevations were updated using geographic information systems data, factoring in both distance and terrain. Mileages may differ from those found in some publications and on trail signs. Elevation figures reflect total elevation change over the length of the hike.

Destination	Distance (one-way)	Elevation Gain	Elevation Loss		Trailhead Information
43 Appistoki Falls	0.7 mi.	209 ft.	39 ft.		Mt. Henry Trailhead. 0.3 mi. east of the Two Medicine Ranger Station.
44 Aster Falls	1.3 mi.	197 ft.	85 ft.		South Shore Trailhead. Behind the Two Medicine boat rental office.
45 Paradise Point	0.6 mi.	88 ft.	84 ft.		South Shore Trailhead. Behind the Two Medicine boat rental office.
46 Running Eagle Falls	0.3 mi.	47 ft.	8 ft.		Running Eagle Falls Trailhead
47 Twin Falls	(a) 3.6 mi.	485 ft.	381 ft.		(a) North Shore Trailhead. Loop B of Two Medicine Campground.
	(b) 1.0 mi.	129 ft.	36 ft.		(b) Via concessioner boat near South Shore Trailhead
48 Aster Park	1.9 mi.	801 ft.	101 ft.		South Shore Trailhead. Behind the Two Medicine boat rental office.
49 Rockwell Falls	3.3 mi.	537 ft.	284 ft.		South Shore Trailhead. Behind the Two Medicine boat rental office.
50 Upper Two Medicine Lake	(a) 4.7 mi.	761 ft.	510 ft.		(a) North Shore Trailhead. Loop B of Two Medicine Campground.
	(b) 2.1 mi.	417 ft.	170 ft.		(b) Via concessioner boat near South Shore Trailhead
51 Cobalt Lake	5.6 mi.	1,617 ft.	223 ft.		South Shore Trailhead. Behind the Two Medicine boat rental office.
52 Dawson Pass*	6.5 mi.	2,859 ft.	436 ft.		North Shore Trailhead. Loop B of Two Medicine Campground.
	*Dawson Pass and Pitamakan Pass can be combined to form an 18.8 mile loop.				
53 No Name Lake	4.9 mi.	1,300 ft.	520 ft.		North Shore Trailhead. Loop B of Two Medicine Campground.
54 Oldman Lake	6.5 mi.	2,145 ft.	646 ft.		North Shore Trailhead. Loop B of Two Medicine Campground.
55 Pitamakan Pass*	7.8 mi.	2,933 ft.	474 ft.		North Shore Trailhead. Loop B of Two Medicine Campground.
56 Scenic Point	3.8 mi.	2,259 ft.	134 ft.		Mt. Henry Trailhead. 0.3 mi. east of the Two Medicine Ranger Station.



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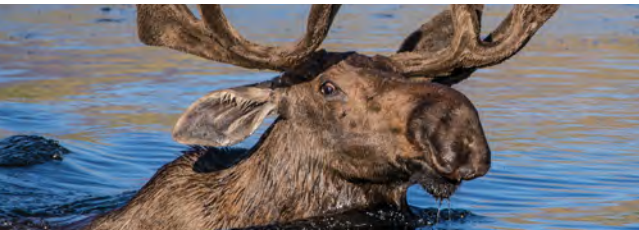
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- Rockwell Falls Hike

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### A Sampling of our 2018 Field Courses

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July 6-13	Glacier Discovery Week	\$1,125
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July 31-August 2	Slowly Observing Glacier	\$325
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August 17-24	Outdoor Woman!	\$1,125
September 14-21	Glacier Discovery Week	\$1,125
September 19	Autumn in Glacier	\$65
October 4	Fall Birding in Glacier	\$65

# Glacier National Park Volunteer Associates

Volunteering throughout the Park since 1989



The Glacier National Park Volunteer Associates (GNPVA) is a non-profit, all-volunteer park partner with no paid staff. GNPVAs’ efforts highlight their primary purpose of bringing together people interested in the proper care, protection, management, and preservation of Glacier National Park. Last year the Volunteer Associates provided 3,867 hours to the park, which computes to \$93,349 in in-kind labor.

The Volunteer Associates have made major contributions to the park, including staffing the Apgar Nature Center, funding backcountry ranger interns, undertaking work projects, providing maintenance and general upkeep at the Artist-in-Residence Cabin, assisting with backcountry ranger and river patrols, and supplying volunteers in many other areas. We welcome you to become a member and support this magnificent national park.

For additional information about GNPVA, visit [gnpva.org](http://gnpva.org) and [facebook.com/GNPVA/](https://facebook.com/GNPVA/)

### Apgar Nature Center Relies on GNPVA Volunteers

GNPVA staffs and coordinates the scheduling at the Apgar Nature Center, which is entering its ninth summer season of daily operations, from June 15 through August 25. We have also contributed over \$14,000 toward improvements to the interior of the Nature Center and to the staffing needs.

Last year, a record-setting 13,000 visitors enjoying the Nature Center, served by 27 volunteers who contributed 745 total hours.

### Second Intern Added to Ranger Intern Program

For 22 years the Richard and Sue Schubert family of Portland, Oregon, in partnership with the GNPVA, has funded a backcountry ranger intern, in memory of their son Taggart. Taggart worked as a summer intern in Glacier’s backcountry and died in a climbing accident while ascending Mt Jackson, in 1995.

In 2019, a second position, a Winter Wilderness Intern, will be added to the GNPVA Backcountry Ranger Intern Program, again funded by the Schubert family.



The Apgar Nature Center will be open for its ninth summer between June 15 and August 25.



Staffed by GNPVA volunteers, the Apgar Nature Center has been inspiring young visitors for nearly a decade.



Our partnership with the Schubert family is funding a second backcountry ranger intern this year. GNPVA PHOTO





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Funding for preservation protects habitat, supports historic structures and helps maintain over 700 miles of trails.

RESEARCH

NPS

The Glacier Conservancy supports world-class research and science exploring the park's wildlife and alpine landscapes.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

ADD ON FOR  
GLACIER

Add \$1 or more to your bill at participating hotels and businesses to support critical projects in Glacier National Park.

BECOME A  
FRIEND OF GLACIER

With a donation of \$35 or more you receive a Friends of Glacier Passport which includes more than \$500 of coupons for lodging, restaurants and activities.

MONTHLY  
GIVING

For as little as \$10 a month, you can make a significant impact in caring for Glacier. Your monthly support will help immediate park needs.



The Glacier National Park Conservancy is the official fundraising partner for Glacier National Park

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Waterton-Glacier Guide



# Losing a Namesake

## Glaciers for the Future

For generations, water from Glacier National Park’s ice has sustained the American way of life. Irrigation water for agriculture, rivers and streams for wildlife and hydropower, lakes and reservoirs for recreation, and drinking water all come from glaciers—but that is changing. As the climate warms and glaciers recede, the store of water that nourishes the continent is diminishing. The future of glaciers in the park depends on a global effort to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. Will the park’s glaciers exist for the next generation to enjoy? It depends on how and when we act.

## Leading the Way

Glacier National Park is committed to reducing its contribution to a warming climate. Solar arrays and hydropower help provide electricity throughout the park. Improvements to the recycling program are being made. More efficient LEDs are replacing wasteful light bulbs. Glacier’s employees can reduce their own carbon emissions by riding the employee shuttle or biking to work everyday. The park’s staff continues to educate visitors about how individual and collective action taken today will affect the preservation of the glaciers for future generations.

## How to Help

You can easily reduce your carbon emissions while visiting the park and at home. Transportation to and within the park is Glacier’s largest source of greenhouse gases. Try carpooling or use our fare-free shuttles, bring your bike, or explore on foot. Turning off your engine, rather than idling your vehicle, can greatly reduce your carbon emissions. Idling for over 10 seconds uses more fuel and produces more greenhouse gases compared to restarting your engine. In the park and at home, reducing your food waste and eating a plant-rich diet can make a big difference.



Grinnell Glacier in 1910 by Morton J. Elrod, K. Ross Toole Archives



Grinnell Glacier in 2017 by Lisa McKeon, USGS

## Current Condition of the Park’s Ice

The park had 35 named glaciers in 1966. By 2015, nine of those were already inactive. Snow avalanches, ice flow dynamics, and variations in ice thickness cause some glaciers to shrink faster than others, but one thing is consistent—all the glaciers have receded since 1966. The grey shapes below illustrate the glaciers’ 1966 size and the black shapes show their area in 2015. The park has a few more unnamed glaciers that are not included in this chart.

## See for Yourself

Most of the park’s glaciers are tucked into shadowy niches high along the Continental Divide, cloaked by semi-permanent snowfields. Still, a few glaciers can be seen from the road, a few others can be seen from a short hike, and others can be studied up close after a strenuous hike. The best time to see the glaciers is in late August and early September, when most of the winter’s snow has melted away. Visit our website or ask a ranger for more information.







Rugged mountains in Glacier National Park

**Big Hole Battlefield**

In August of 1877 over 800 nimí·pu· (Nez Perce) were passing peacefully through the Bitterroot Valley. On August 9, gunshots shattered a chilly dawn on a sleeping camp of Nez Perce. By the time the smoke cleared on August 10, almost 90 Nez Perce were dead along with 31 soldiers and volunteers. This park honors all who were there.



Big Hole Battlefield      Annalee Garletz

**Fort Union Trading Post**

Between 1828 and 1867, Fort Union was the most important fur trading post on the Upper Missouri River. Here, the Assiniboine and six other Northern Plains Indian Tribes exchanged buffalo robes and smaller furs for goods from around the world, including cloth, guns, blankets, and beads. The post annually traded \$100,000 in merchandise.



Fort Union Trading Post      Scott Jones

**Lewis and Clark Trail**

Between May 1804 and September 1806, 31 men, one woman, and a baby traveled from the plains of the Midwest to the shores of the Pacific Ocean. In their search for a water route to the Pacific Ocean, they opened a window into the west for the young United States. The trail passes through 11 states including Montana.



Pompey's Pillar      Bob Wick

**MONTANA'S NATIONAL PARKS**

We encourage you to visit our neighboring National Park sites throughout Montana. Often less crowded, these parks offer spectacular scenery while preserving Montana's rich cultural history.



**Little Bighorn Battlefield**

This area memorializes the U.S. Army's 7th Cavalry and the Sioux and Cheyenne in one of the Indians' last armed efforts to preserve their way of life. Here, on June 25 and 26 of 1876, 263 soldiers, including Lt. Col. George A. Custer and attached personnel of the U.S. Army, died fighting several thousand Sioux and Cheyenne warriors.



Little Bighorn Battlefield      Michael Brunk

**Nez Perce**

Established in 1965, Nez Perce National Historical Park consists of 38 sites, which tell the story of the nimí·pu· (Nez Perce). The sites are spread over the traditional homeland of the nimí·pu· in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. In Montana, staff are located at Big Hole National Battlefield and at the Bear Paw Battlefield.



Bear Paw Battlefield

**Bighorn Canyon**

The wild landscape of Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area offers visitors unparalleled opportunities to immerse themselves in the natural world and experience the wonders of this extraordinary place. Bighorn Canyon showcases an astounding diversity in ecosystems, wildlife, and more than 10,000 years of human history.



Devil Canyon      Jacob W. Frank

**Grant-Kohrs Ranch**

Wide open spaces, the hard-working cowboy, his spirited cow pony, and vast herds of cattle are among the strongest symbols of the American West. Once the headquarters of a 10 million acre cattle empire, Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site preserves these symbols and commemorates the role of cattlemen in American history.



Haying the field.

**Yellowstone**

Over half of the world's geysers are preserved here. They are the main reason the park was established in 1872 as America's first national park. A mountain wildland, home to grizzly bears, wolves, and herds of bison and elk, the park is the core of one of the last, nearly intact, natural ecosystems in the Earth's temperate zone.



Lone Star Geyser





An osprey guards its nest in front of majestic mountains.



United States and Canadian flags fly over Logan Pass.

## An International Peace Park

It started as an idea at an annual Rotary International meeting, between clubs in Alberta and Montana, and it didn’t take long for the idea to take hold. In 1932, the Federal Governments of Canada and the United States officially joined Waterton Lakes National Park and Glacier National Park as Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park. The Peace Park celebrates the peace and goodwill existing along the world’s longest undefended border, as well as a spirit of cooperation that is reflected in wildlife and vegetation management, search and rescue programs, and joint interpretive programs and brochures.

Both Waterton and Glacier have been designated Biosphere Reserves, and jointly as a World Heritage Site, for scenic values, significant climate, ecological processes, and abundant diversity of wildlife and wildflowers. In the fall of 2016, Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park became the world’s first trans-boundary International Dark Sky Park. Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park is the only park in the world to hold all four designations.

## Heritage

This area can enrich cultural understanding of indigenous peoples. Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park lies just west of the Kainai and Piikani Reserves in Alberta, Canada and borders the Blackfeet Reservation in the United States. People of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, southwest of the park, also have a close association with the park. Take the time to learn about our neighbors.

### Browning

In nearby Browning, Montana, the Museum of the Plains Indian features fascinating exhibits and Native American handcrafts as sales items. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from June through September. On the second weekend in July in Browning, North American Indian Days is a large celebration of Native American culture that includes a parade, traditional dress, and dancing.

### Alberta

Northeast of Waterton, early plains culture is dramatically displayed at Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump World Heritage Site. This site is open daily throughout the summer. Call (403) 553-2731 for further information.

### Flathead Lake

The People’s Center for the preservation of Kootenai and Salish Culture is located near Pablo, Montana south of Flathead Lake. The Center provides educational opportunities, a museum collection, and gift shop. Open daily throughout the summer. Call (406) 675-0160 for further information. The Standing Arrow Powwow is held in Elmo, MT on the third week in July.

## Waterton Lake - Connecting Two Nations

As you cruise the surface of Waterton Lake, the spectacular wild landscape of these two national parks surrounds you. Gliding along you may spot a bear meandering on the lakeshore or a moose lifting its head above water to stare at your boat. Eagles and osprey fly overhead and occasionally crash into the water, snagging trout in their talons. On the trip down the eight mile long lake it’s almost impossible to tell where the United States begins and Canada ends, except for one reminder. About four miles down-lake a 20-foot-wide swath on the mountains becomes visible, marking the international boundary between the United States and Canada. By treaty, the boundary “slash” is maintained and cleared the entire length of the international border by the International Boundary Commission. While this political marker is visible to us, it goes unnoticed by the plant and animal species that make the Peace Park their home.

Wildlife travel freely between the two nations and seeds of all kinds are transported by wind and wing and fur. This free-flow of species across the border is one reason for the rich biological diversity found here. Preserving this important international travel corridor affords a great integrity to the area’s natural resources. Together the parks protect over 1760 square miles of the Rocky Mountains, and form the core of the Crown of the Continent Ecosystem.



Goat Haunt Ranger Station

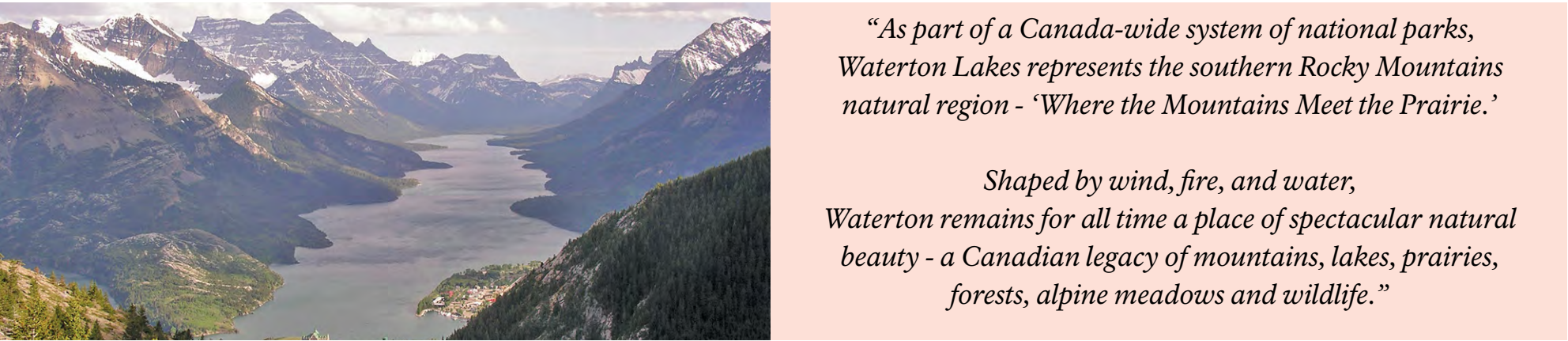
### Goat Haunt Services Not Available this Summer

Goat Haunt will not have an operational water or hydroelectric power system for at least a portion of the summer as a result of staffing shortages. Until water systems and restroom facilities are operational, tour boat landings will not be possible due to the need to reduce human waste impacts. Backcountry users can still hike through Goat Haunt. This summer the Goat Haunt Shelters backcountry campground will be closed.



Tour boats will not be docking in Goat Haunt in Summer 2019.





*“As part of a Canada-wide system of national parks, Waterton Lakes represents the southern Rocky Mountains natural region - ‘Where the Mountains Meet the Prairie.’*

*Shaped by wind, fire, and water, Waterton remains for all time a place of spectacular natural beauty - a Canadian legacy of mountains, lakes, prairies, forests, alpine meadows and wildlife.”*

Plan Ahead to Have the Best Trip to Waterton Lakes National Park in 2019. Plan your visit at [parks.canada.gc.ca/waterton-construction](https://parks.canada.gc.ca/waterton-construction). Construction is taking place this summer to improve infrastructure and reopen areas affected by the 2017 Kenow Wildfire.



## Scenic Drives and Sightseeing

**THE ENTRANCE ROAD**  
These 8 km (5 miles) provide magnificent views that beautifully illustrate the park’s theme, “where the mountains meet the prairie.”

Colourful prairie flowers and grasses, and the glittering blue chain of the Waterton Lakes, are set against a mountain backdrop. The sight of the historic Prince of Wales Hotel National Historic Site, on a knoll above the lakes, indicates you will soon arrive at our lakeside community.

**THE CHIEF MOUNTAIN HIGHWAY**  
The Chief Mountain Highway is the primary route between Waterton Lakes and Glacier National Parks. The highway climbs from the grasslands near Maskinonge Lake to a viewpoint giving a magnificent vista of the Front Range of the Rockies and Waterton Valley. Enroute to the border crossing, the road traverses fields and forests, dotted with wetlands created by Crooked Creek.

**THE RED ROCK PARKWAY**  
Parks Canada expects the Red Rock Parkway, Red Rock Canyon Day Use Area, and hiking trails in the area will open in summer 2019. Non-motorized access may available when it is safe in spring 2019, and when the road closes to vehicles in fall 2019. Check website for current status.

**THE AKAMINA PARKWAY**  
Access for non-motorized use may be permitted when it is safe to do so. The Akamina Parkway is closed to motor vehicles in 2019. Check website for current status on non-motorized access.

**THE MASKINONGE LAKE**  
The park’s diversity of habitats are home to a great variety of birds; over 250 species have been identified in Waterton. The Maskinonge area, located near the Park Entrance, is particularly rich in bird life.

**CAMERON FALLS**  
Located in the community, this picturesque waterfall is created as Cameron Creek falls into Waterton Valley. Work to repair the wildfire-damaged Cameron Falls viewpoints begins in mid-May and is scheduled for completion by mid-July 2019.

**WILDLIFE AND WILDFLOWERS**  
Bears, deer, elk, and bighorn sheep can be seen throughout the park, particularly in prairie areas. Sheep and deer frequent the community. Fall is probably the best time for wildlife watching. The larger animals come down from their summer ranges and waterfowl are on their migratory routes through the park.

An abundance of wildflowers can be seen in the park. In spring and early summer, prairie wildflower displays are particularly rich. In late summer and early fall, wildflowers are blooming at the higher elevations.

## Camping and Hiking

**AUTO CAMPING**  
Waterton’s campgrounds provide over 260 campsites.

- The Townsite Campground has 237 sites, including 94 fully-serviced. Fees vary, depending on the service provided. Fires permitted in picnic shelter stoves. Parks Canada is rehabilitating the campground with construction taking place in spring and fall 2019. Reservations recommended. Call 1 877-737-3783 or visit: [www.reservation.parks.canada.gc.ca](https://www.reservation.parks.canada.gc.ca).
- The Crandell Mountain Campground along the Red Rock Parkway is closed in 2019 due to damage from the 2017 Kenow Wildfire.
- Belly River Campground, located on the Chief Mountain Highway 26km (16 miles) from the community, has 24 unserviced sites. Reservations can be made in advance for the group sites at Belly River. Call 403-859-5133 for information.

**HIKING THE TRAILS**  
Trail access in Waterton Lakes National Park has been affected by the 2017 Kenow Wildfire. Please consult our website for the most up-to-date information, including trail reports: [www.parks.canada.gc.ca/waterton-open](https://www.parks.canada.gc.ca/waterton-open)

Trails range in difficulty from a short stroll to steep treks and are provided for a variety of users, including hikers, horse riders, and bicyclists. Watch for information signs at the trail head for the type of use permitted. Some trails in Waterton also lead to the extensive trail system in Glacier National Park.

### Waterton Lakes National Park Services and Activities

**LODGING**  
The Aspen Village Inn 1 888-859-8669 • Bay-shore Inn & Convention Centre 403-859-2211 • Bear Mountain Motel 403-859-2366 • Crandell Mountain Lodge 1 866-859-2288 • Northland Lodge 403-859-2353 • Prince of Wales Hotel - in Canada phone 403-236-3400; in U.S. 406-892-2525 • Waterton Glacier Suites 403-859-2004 or 1 866-621-3330 • The Waterton Lakes Resort 403-859-2150 or 1 888-985-6343

**PRIVATE CAMPGROUNDS**  
Crooked Creek Campground 403-653-1100  
Great Canadian Barn Dance 403-626-3407

**OTHER SERVICES INCLUDE**  
Clothing and gift shops, bookstores, liquor store • a variety of cafes, restaurants, lounges and dining rooms • sporting supplies and hardware • post office • service station • boat tours, bike and boat rentals • hiking tours, a horse riding facility • three churches • cash machines • art gallery • health and recreation centre, 18-hole golf course, ball diamond and playgrounds.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**  
Contact the Visitor Centre at:  
Waterton Lakes National Park  
Box 200  
Waterton Park, Alberta T0K 2M0  
Phone 403-859-5133

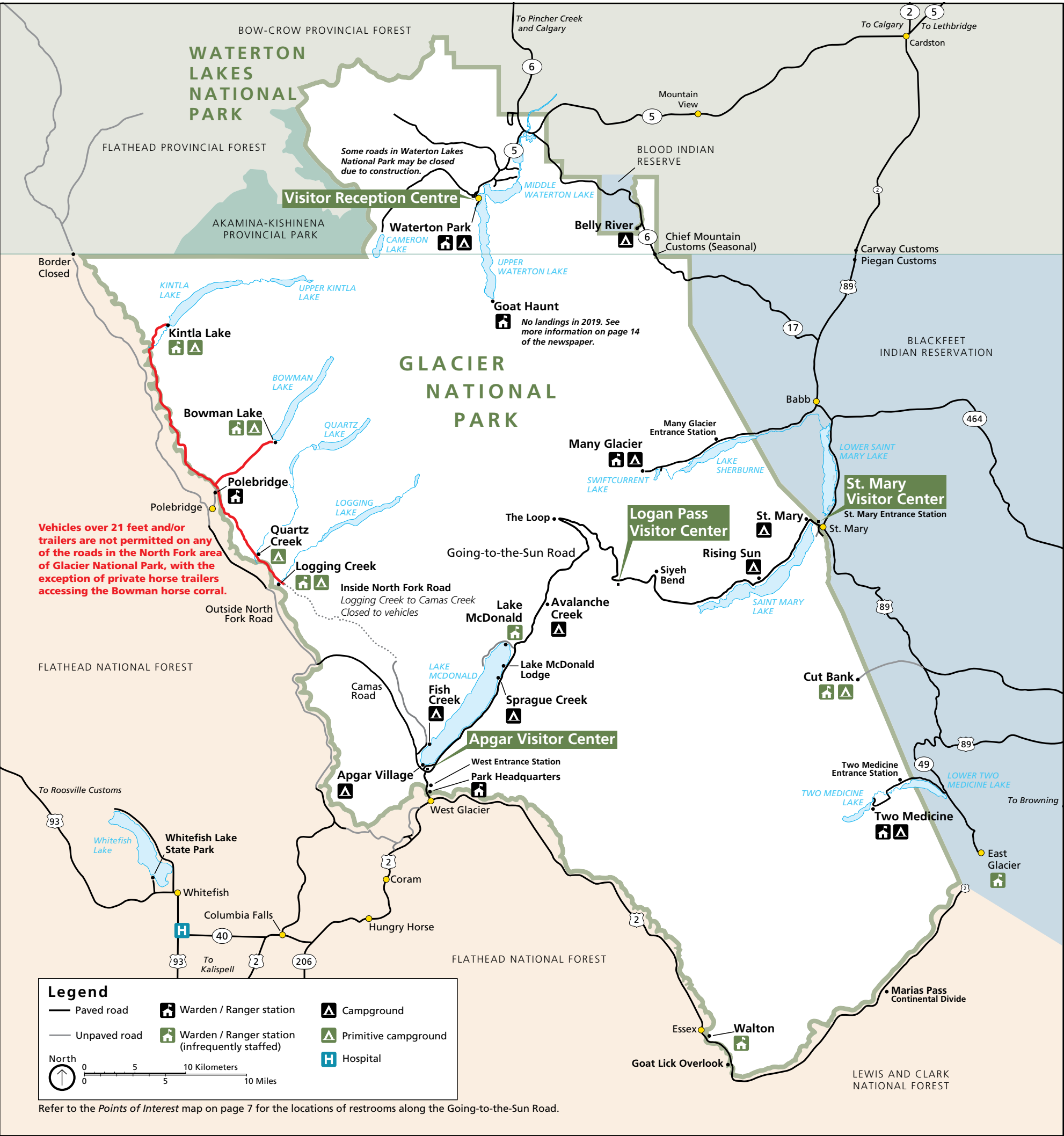
email: [waterton.info@pc.gc.ca](mailto:waterton.info@pc.gc.ca)  
or visit Waterton Lakes National Park on the internet at: [www.pc.gc.ca/waterton](https://www.pc.gc.ca/waterton)

### Park Regulations

Leave rocks, fossils, horns, antlers, wildflowers, nests, and other natural and historic objects undisturbed so others may enjoy them. Removal of such objects is subject to fines.

- It is unlawful to feed, entice, or touch park wildlife.
- Camping is permitted only in designated areas, as marked by signs.
- Motorcyclists must wear a helmet.
- Pets must remain on a leash at all times while in the park. Pets, on a leash, are allowed on trails in Waterton Lakes National Park.
- Collection of dead or downed wood is not allowed.
- A national park fishing permit is required in Canada’s national parks.





Crossing the Border

What You Need

All travelers crossing the border must present documents that are Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) compliant. Those documents include:

- US citizens must present a US Passport, Enhanced Drivers License\*, US Passport Card, or NEXUS Card.
- US Resident Aliens must present a US Resident Alien Card.
- Canadian citizens must present a Canadian Passport, Enhanced Drivers License\*, or NEXUS Card.
- Citizens from countries other than Canada or the United States must present a valid passport and a current I-94 or an I-94W. I-94 forms are available at the Port of Entry for \$6. US currency and all major credit cards are accepted. Canadian currency is not accepted.

For a list of states and provinces who currently issue Enhanced Drivers Licenses, please visit: [www.getyouhome.gov](http://www.getyouhome.gov)

Special restrictions apply when crossing the border with pets, defensive sprays, alcohol, firewood, and purchases. All firearms must be declared. For more information on crossing from the USA to Canada, call 800-320-0063; and if crossing from Canada to the USA, call 406-889-3865.

Border Crossing Dates and Times

Times are subject to change and travelers should check to be sure about crossing times.

- **Roosville.....open 24 hours**  
West of the park on Highway 93, north of Whitefish, MT and south of Fernie, B.C.
- **Piegan/Carway ..... 7 am–11 pm**  
East of the park at the joining of U.S. Highway 89 with Alberta Highway 2
- **Chief Mountain**  
May 15–May 31.....9 am–6 pm  
June 1–Sept. 1.....7 am–10 pm  
Sept. 2–Sept. 30.....9 am–6 pm  
October 1.....closed for season



The border swath between the United States and Canada as seen from Waterton Lake.